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1. The conferees met today on the Military Construction Bill and reached an agreement to add \$1,000,000 to the sum authorized for the construction of the CIA headquarters installation. Sen. Saltonstall informed me that Chairman Vinson had fought very hard to restore the full amount of \$50,000,000 for construction, but that the Senate conferees had remained adamant. (On 7 July Mr. Darden informed Mr. Pforzheimer that he felt that the language was clear that if we did not go to Langley we could utilize a million dollars for acquisition of a site, but that if any question as to language construction arose the Committee, he was sure, would give us a letter expressing their intent).

2. The House rules Committee considered, but took no action on, H.J. Res. 162, a bill by Cong. McCarthy to establish a Joint Committee on Information, Intelligence and Security. On 7 July they will consider H. Con. Res. 28, which is Cong. Zablocki's resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence matters.

3. Congressional action has been completed on S. 609, the Atomic Weapons Rewards Act of 1955. This bill provides awards for any person who furnishes original information to the United States leading to the finding of any nuclear material or atomic weapon which has been illegally introduced into or manufactured in the United States, or any attempt in that connection, and provides for awards up to \$500,000. An Awards Board is designated, consisting of the Secretaries of the Treasury and Defense, the Attorney General, the DCI and a member of the AEC. If the information is furnished by an alien, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General and the DCI acting jointly may determine that such alien may be admitted into the United States for permanent residence without regard to the Immigration and Nationality Act. The bill further provides that any awards made by the Board shall be paid by the DCI from funds appropriated or available for the administration of the National Security Act of 1947.

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